



Yuma County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes February 4, 2016

PRESENT:

Mario Avalos, Helena Chemical Corporation, Group 5
Tony Badilla, Emergency Management Director, Group 2
Tom Batson, American Red Cross
Michael Callahan, Gowan Milling, Group 5
Chief Paul DeAnda, Somerton-Cocopah Fire Department, Group 2
Jeff Denman, citizen at large, Group 4
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Greg Ferguson, Yuma County Board of Supervisors, Group 1
Earl Hamilton, MCAS Disaster Preparedness, Group 2
John Hannon, Rural Metro, Group 2
Flora Hatch, Yuma County Emergency Management, Alternate, Group 2
Mark Hutsell, Yuma Regional Medical Center, Group 2
Steve Irr, City of Yuma, Alternate to Mayor Nicholls, Group 1
Michael LeBrun, Yuma County Public Health Services District, Group 2
Maria (Patti) Michael, Land O'Lakes Company, Group 5
Noel Robles, Shaw Inc., Group 5
Darren Simmons, Yuma County Sheriff's Office, Group 1
David Slade, Yuma Cogeneration Associates, Group 5
Michelle Smith, Yuma County Public Health Services District, Group 2
Kevin Tunell, Communications Director, Group 3
Rosario Zavala, Quechan Police Department, Group 2

ABSENT:

Tim Beeler, MCAS Yuma, Group 2
Robert Barocio, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 2
Tim Pudleiner, Safety Manager, Achieve Human Services, Group 4
Dustin Fields, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Marc Holyfield, San Luis Fire Department
Ray Smith, Battalion Chief, Somerton Cocopah Fire Dept., Group 1
Mike Kemp, Driscolls
Michael Klein, YCIPTA, Alternate to Shelly Kreger, Group 2
Shelly Kreger, YCIPTA, Group 2
Manuel (Manny) Hernandez, City of Yuma Environmental, Group 2

Mayor Douglas J Nicholls, City of Yuma, Group 1
Warren Quirk, Achieve Human Services
Brian Hoon, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 5
Sgt. David Rodriguez, Wellton Police Department, Alternate Group 2
Charles Ruerup, DPW, YPG, Group 5
Mike Walton, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Denise Whisman, Ferrell Gas, Group 5
Sheriff Leon Wilmot, Group 1
Gary Elk, Western Pre-cooling, Group 5
Michael Fila, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Group 2
Gary Koehn, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Group 5

A quorum was present with 21 attendees and all groups represented.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mario Avalos called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. at the Yuma County Public Health Auditorium, 2200 W. 28th Street, Yuma, Arizona on February 4, 2016.

2. INTRODUCTION:

Members and guests introduced themselves. Guests included:

John (JP) Mahon
Ann Farley, Hospice of Yuma
Robert Duffy, City of Yuma
Rudy Wallace, CERT
Shirley Dalton, CERT
Sam Yarbrough, YACS
George Scott III, YACS
Chris Moreno, Bureau of Reclamation

3. MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Simmons, and a second by Hutsell, the minutes of the meeting held December 10, 2015, were approved by the members. (Note: During the meeting, after the approval, errors in the minutes were noticed, and, subsequently corrected and will be resubmitted for approval, as amended.)

4. CITY OF YUMA HAZARDOUS COMMUNICATION (HAZCOM) PRESENTATION:

Robert Duffy, City of Yuma, gave the HAZCOM presentation; the OSHA Standards for SDS Labeling. The presentation is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

5. GRANT STATUS:

Badilla stated that the grant has been awarded for 2015-2016 and has been scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors for approval on February 16, 2016.

6. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

a. Approval of Renewals

There were none at this time.

b. Introduction of potential members; possible action on Membership Applications

There were none at this time.

c. Approval of Designated Alternate

There were none at this time.

d. Approval of Resignation

There were none at this time.

7. New Business- Discussion and Possible Action:

There were none at this time.

8. Old Business- Discussion and Possible Action:

Badilla reminded the committee of the upcoming Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Days event on February 11, 2016. The event will feature a speaker from the EPA to discuss changes directly resulting from the ammonia explosion in Texas. There will be vendors in addition to the meeting. Badilla suggested sending staff that are unable to attend the meetings to visit the vendors.

9. Chair Status Report, Chairman Mario Avalos

No report at this time.

10. Good of the Order/Announcements

Hamilton reminded the committee of MCAS's upcoming region exercise April 25 – 29, 2016. The scenario will be terrorist driven with a fuel emergency being the target. He reviewed the scenario and briefly discussed the roles of the entities involved. For further information, or to participate, call Manny Enriquez, MCAS Emergency Manager, at 928-269-6754.

Badilla reminded the committee of the upcoming classes:

- Multi-hazard Planning for Schools – February 23 – 24 (register in ERMA)
- Basic (Public Information Officer) PIO – March 7-8
- MAG 191 (EOC interface) – March 15
- AuxComm (Ham Radio License Required) – March 19-20

Tunnel noted that Yuma County is currently rebuilding its website and encouraged the group to take the user survey at yumacountyaz.gov to voice their opinions on the current functionality of the website. There will be three surveys: one for the community, one for internal employees, and one for the design. The surveys will help determine what will make the website more efficient.

Moreno stated that the Bureau of Reclamation has held its first meeting regarding the mid-June planned drill. There is not a solid date as of yet for that drill.

Erfert informed the committee of an upcoming event, Camp Inferno, designed for young women between 14-18 years of age to see what fire service is all about. There is a \$25 fee; to sign up go to the city of Yuma's Parks and Recreation department or online at www.yumaaz.gov.

Smith educated the committee on the most recent virus making its way in the United States, the Zika virus through international travels where the virus carrying mosquito is prevalent. Although there are quite a few cases in the United States currently, there are no cases in Yuma County. The Yuma County Public Health District is starting a campaign to put out information on mosquito control and encourage the public to take a proactive effort in reducing mosquitos that could potentially be carrying the virus.

Denman provided an update on the recent Household Hazardous Waste event, stating that there were 280 plus vehicles that came through. He noted the next event will be scheduled for April 9, 2016. **Badilla** asked if anything of concern was received at this event. Denman noted that an unknown flammable substance was received but properly handled.

Badilla inquired about chemicals and explosive handling, specifically in large quantities such as the fireworks tents. **Erfert** stated that the fireworks stands have to be inspected. **Irr** added that the stand must also possess a permit and stated the stands are regulated.

Badilla reminded the committee of the upcoming Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Days event.

11. Call to the Public

There were none at this time.

12. Adjourn

Upon motion by **Simmons** with a second by **Badilla**, and with no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2016, at Yuma County Public Health Auditorium, 2200 W. 28th Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364 at 9:00 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Flora Hatch, Financial Assistant
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